

Code of Conduct for Playing Golf During Covid-19 Pandemic



Playing golf is a great way to exercise and to have some limited social interaction at a time of restriction. However, to keep golf courses open golfers must exhibit best social practice before arriving at the golf club to play, at the golf club and on the golf course.

For Your Health and Wellbeing

The following guidelines have been issued by the World Health Authority, following these will substantially reduce the likelihood that you will contract the virus becoming a carrier. • **Stay at home and self-isolate even if you only have minor symptoms such as;** such as cough; headache; mild fever; if you need to leave the house, wear a face mask and avoid contact with others.

- If you have a cough; fever or breathing difficulties, and feel you cannot cope at home, use the NHS 111 helpline.
- Regularly and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub to kill any viruses that may be on your hands.
- Maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from other persons (social distancing) in case they, or you cough or sneeze spreading the virus through droplets.
- Avoid crowding or crowded places where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose; these are transfer points for the virus from your hands into the body.
- Cover your mouth and nose if you sneeze, disposing of the tissue immediately, then clean your hands as above.

At the golf club and on the golf course

The above guidelines apply at all times when at the golf club and on the golf course, remember if you want to keep playing strict adherence is essential, additionally and until further notice how we play the game and prepare golf courses must change, this means as a player you must;

- If you can, carry with you an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
- Arrive ready to play, if you have a query, make it online or by phone through the usual channels. No locker room facilities are available. If you need to use the toilet (Max 2 people at any time) Wash hands thoroughly and dry well with the contactless air dryer.
- If you have a tee time, please arrive in plenty of time to make it, if you have to wait, ensure good social distancing at all times.

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- Follow any instructions and safety signs that are in place; they are there to ensure the best possible practice.
- If you are going to use the practice facilities, do so only for a brief time immediately before your round.
- On the putting green, remove your balls without contacting the flagstick or hole cup.
- When attending the Reception Area, follow the instructions on the door notice, do not enter the Reception Area if social distancing cannot be practised. BE PATIENT!
- Do not touch products in the Reception Area unless you are buying them.
- Do not shake hands or make physical contact before, during or after your round. • Do not crowd around tees, if as you approach a tee; if it is occupied, stay well back maintaining a suitable distance from the tee while keeping a distance of 2 metres from your paying partner.
- On the tee, maintain good social distancing from your playing partners at all times.
- Do not share; pencils; tees; scope finders; umbrellas; phones or any other golf paraphernalia with other players.
- Avoid contact with the flagstick or hole cup; we will clean the flagsticks and hole cups on a regular basis and set the hole cups shallower so you can retrieve your ball without touching it.
- Do not pick up another player's golf club or contact their golf bag or golf trolley. • Do not pick up any golf ball other than your own, even if you find what you are certain is a lost ball.
- Accept the bunkers as you find them. Rakes have been removed for your safety; the green staff will rake the bunkers when they can. Otherwise use your foot or club to tidy up.
- Do not use the litter bins; please take your own litter home.
- Do not use the ball washers; they are going to be taken out of commission until further notice.
- If you meet walkers or members of the public on a public footpath, stand aside at a safe distance and allow them to pass whilst practicing good social distancing comfortably.
- At the end of your round, do not swap scorecards.
- After your round go straight to your car practising good social distancing at all times.

Any player observed not following the above code of conduct will be asked to leave the golf course immediately by staff.

Remember to practice good golf etiquette at all times, a reckless shot could place an unnecessary demand on already stretched emergency services.

Note if you are showing any of the symptoms of Covid19 such as cough; headache; mild fever, for your safety and for the safety of your friends and their families stay at home.

BE SAFE

BE ALERT

SOCIALLY DISTANCE